CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

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NOTE

130- STRONG, ANNA LOUISE

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SUBJECT Before validating passport. Department would like expression of vie regarding issuance of passport good for travel to Soviet Union to Anna Louise Strong. It is difficult to discriminate in cases of this kind. Strong has visited Soviet Union many times and is probably just as able to take care of herself as Mrs. Mydan with assistance of her husband.

R. Hunter 7/26/85

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel # 925 6pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated July 24, 1941 From/To U.S.S.R.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM

July 17, 1941

Mrs. Shipley:

Eu is of the opinion that Mrs. Strong should not be issued an American passport at the present time good for travel to the Soviet Union.

This opinion has been reached because of the following reasons:

1. Eu does not believe that the recommendations of Mr. Steinhardt as set forth in the attached telegram from Moscow, no. 1292, July 4, 9 p.m., should be ignored at a time when according to the War Department German troops are already within 100 miles of Moscow. Although the Department may in general follow a policy of giving the same treatment to women journalists as to men, it is believed that the opinion of an Ambassador who is on the spot should have some weight.

2. The attached file (800.00B Strong, Anna Louise) should indicate clearly that in this time of national emergency, it is not to the interests of the United States to have a person like Mrs. Strong traveling in Russia or in Asia. It will be noted that ~~her~~ as far

should be amended to show her married name

R. Houston 3/26/85

FOR STRONG, ANNA LOUISE

far back as October 26, 1935, Mr. Bullitt, the Ambassador to Moscow, wrote the Department a dispatch relating to Mrs. Strong which ends as follows:

> "I venture to suggest to the Department that a careful eye should be kept on the writings of Miss Anna Louise Strong, and that if she writes in a hostile manner about the United States, and continues to draw her livelihood from the Soviet Government, and to cohabit in Moscow with her Russian communist "husband," the question of refusing her a new passport should be considered seriously."

The memorandum sent to Mr. Henderson by Mr. Benjamin Parker, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, regarding a speech which Mrs. Strong made in Washington on February 20, 1941, is of interest with regard to her case. It is well known that under pretenses of representing various newspapers or news agencies, Mrs. Strong has made frequent visits to the Soviet Union and has there obtained material which she has used in this country in carrying on pro-communist and pro-soviet propoganda.

3. The fact that Mrs. Strong has in the Soviet Union a Soviet husband who might well serve as a hostage for her behavior is a point which should not be overlooked.

Eu:LWHenderson:HPR